

Re: Query doesn't always sort

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I'm sorry, but nothing you can do will guarantee that the table is sorted in any special order.

You have to use a query to sort the data in to your required order and then export the query. IF you aren't bringing in the fields that you need to determine the order you need and then using them in a query to export the data, then as far as I know there is no reliable solution.

As I've repeatedly said, records in tables have no order.

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Hi John,

My table doesn't have a primary key. The 'unsort' seems to be completely random. Also, my table structures are not very consistent, as I'm dealing with quite a few tables in multiple databases.

How do I impose a sort on the datasheet view? Would that actually order the table? I am asking because after the final tables are produced, I have a tool that splits and exports the data into Excel, and I need the data to be sorted over there as well.

Thanks,
Sam

On May 2, 9:05 am, "John Spencer" <spen...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

You can try the following if your table structure is always consistent.

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- Define an table structure – TheTableBlank – with all your fields and add a sequential autonumber field as the primary key
- Copy the table structure (Docmd.CopyObject Currentdb().Name,"TheTable",acTable,"TheTableBlank")
- APPEND your records to the table you have just created

THAT MAY give you the records in sequence. BUT remember TABLES are unordered. If you want to impose an o